



CMAQ Project Selection Committee

Minutes – Thursday November 2, 2017

Committee Members: Douglas Ferguson, Chair (CMAP), Darwin Burkhart (IEPA via phone), John Donovan (FHWA), Tony Greep (FTA), Emily Karry (Counties), Mark Pitstick (RTA), Keith Privett (CDOT), Jeff Schielke (Council of Mayors via phone), Christopher Schmidt (IDOT)

Staff Present: Jesse Elam, Tom Kotarac, Jen Maddux, Kevin Peralta

Others Present: Jennifer Becker, Brian Pigeon, Ryan Ruehle, Brian Stepp, Mike Sullivan, Mike Walczak, Thomas Weaver

1.0 Call to Order

Mr. Ferguson called the meeting to order at 2:05 p.m.

2.0 Agenda Changes and Announcements

Mr. Ferguson noted that to his knowledge there were no agenda changes.

3.0 Approval of Minutes – September 14, 2017

On a motion by Mr. Schmidt and seconded by Mr. Pitstick, the minutes of the September 14, 2017 meeting were approved.

4.0 Program Monitoring

4.1 Project Programming Status Sheets

Mr. Ferguson reported that staff is in the process of finalizing the October status updates and reprogramming projects. He also noted that staff is discussing the potential managing projects almost exclusively through eTIP.

4.2 Programming Summary and Obligation Goal

Mr. Ferguson made note of the programming summary and obligation goal chart in the adjoining packet that shows an over programmed balance. He stated that it is suspected that the issue will resolve itself as staff attends to the matter. He noted that some numbers from the TIP were used to calculate the unobligated portion of the balance; adjustments that were made would drop the balance by \$20 million.

Mr. Ferguson continued by stating that an obligation goal for 2018 was established. He described the process as taking half of the unobligated balance from the

previous year and appended that amount to the annual allotment. This was done to account for under obligation from the previous year. Mr. Ferguson further noted that he would at a minimum have the yearly allotment spent on an annual basis.

A motion to approve the obligation was made by Mr. Schmidt and seconded by Mr. Pitstick. The motion passed.

5.0 Project Changes

5.1 IDOT — Cumberland Circle Improvement (IL 58/Golf Rd at Wolf Rd) (TIP ID 03-14-0004)

Ms. Maddux reported that IDOT is requesting a cost increase of \$80,000 federal (\$100,000 total) for right of way and \$930,000 federal (\$2 million total) for construction due to increased land acquisition and construction costs. Ms. Maddux stated that staff recommends approval of the proposed changes. On a motion made by Mr. Privett and seconded by Ms. Karry, the motion was passed.

6.0 CMAQ Performance Measures Update

Mr. Ferguson presented the memo included with the meeting materials that outlined system performance and congestion measures performance measures for the CMAQ as required by FHWA. The final rule was put in place in May that mandates IDOT and CMAQ must develop targets for the CMAQ related performance measures and submit them to FHWA. CMAP plans to develop measures in conjunction with IDOT and NWIRPC which is part of the northeastern Illinois non-attainment area. The draft targets will need to be completed for the region by October 1, 2018 and staff intendeds to include them as part of the draft release of the ON TO 2050 plan.

Mr. Ferguson continued by mentioning that there are three different areas that must be addressed in terms of performance based measures and targets for CMAQ: peak hour excessive delay, non-SOV travel, on road mobile sources. One additional piece to be acted upon that was called under MAP-21 and FAST Act was a performance plan. He stated that the plan includes the aforementioned targets and the projects that will help to meet those targets over 2 year and 4 year time periods. This performance plan must later be updated on a regular, two year basis and then submitted to IDOT.

Staff will be working on the performance measures and targets over the next six months and will be coming back to the Project Selection Committee with proposed targets for their review prior to releasing them with the draft plan in June.

7.0 CMAQ/TAP-L Program Development

7.1 FFY 2018-2022 CMAQ and FFY 2018-2020 TAP-L

Mr. Ferguson stated that the programs were approved by the CMAP Board and the MPO Policy Committee and are waiting on the eligible determination from FHWA and FTA. The notification of sponsors will be done as soon as eligibility

determination is confirmed. He added that an initiation meeting is scheduled to be held at IDOT offices on December 13.

7.2 Next Call for Projects

Mr. Ferguson stated that staff has already been investigating different ways with which to improve future calls for projects, whether they be changes to the analyses or the program development process. He invited committee members to provide any input advance of the next call which is scheduled for the January 2019 timeframe.

Mr. Sullivan inquired about the language being used in the booklet pertaining to the performance measures. Mr. Ferguson responded by saying that he does not believe that any language pertaining to specifics will be included in the call for projects. He mentioned that meeting a specific goal can be included if the need to shape or steer the program in a certain direction should arise.

Mr. Privett added that there may need to be some sort of tie in between the analysis performed on traffic related projects and the peak hour excessive delay measure. He inquired whether the existing process could assist in finding the peak hour excessive delay for on road projects. He urged members to consider the process in order to have a scoring mechanism that focuses calls that address all three performance options.

Ms. Karry shared several comments from Lake County staff members with concerns about the Travel Time Reliability map, the local 5% Crash Location map and the Congestion Management Process (CMP) map. Concerns were also expressed about the measurement of speed improvements for intersection improvement projects versus delay, and the fact that TAP scoring does not account for cost.

8.0 2018 Meeting Schedule

Mr. Ferguson stated that the proposed meeting dates for 2018 are included on the agenda for the consideration of the committee. He noted that staff had arranged these meeting dates based on the Transportation Committee meeting schedule and the IDOT letting dates.

On a motion made by Ms. Karry and seconded by Mr. Schmidt, the 2018 proposed meeting schedule was approved.

9.0 Other Business

Mr. Privett stated that the reason Deputy Commissioner Hamilton was not in attendance at today's meeting, was she was attending the National Association of City Transportation Officials conference. She is talking about projects funded through CMAQ and bringing awareness to benefits of these projects.

Mr. Donovan acknowledged the retirement of Mr. Tom Weaver and thanked him for his time and service.

10.0 Public Comment

There were no comments from the public.

11.0 Next Meeting

Mr. Ferguson stated that the next meeting is scheduled for January 4, 2018.

12.0 Adjournment

On a motion made by Mr. Privett and seconded by Mr. Schielke, the meeting was adjourned at 2:40 p.m.

CMAQ Project Selection Committee Members:

____ Darwin Burkhart

____ Mark Pitstick

____ Chris Schmidt

____ Luann Hamilton

____ Jeffery Schielke

____ Chris Snyder

____ Douglas Ferguson, Chair